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Backlog burden

Controversial plan won't cut immigration wait times: Experts

Ahmed Ramahi first applied to come to Canada as a skilled worker in late 2001. At the time, he was 28, single, and had just finished his MBA at Sam Houston State University in Texas.

Today, the Jordanian-born mechanical engineer is 35, a married father of a two-year-old boy — and still waiting.

It is Ramahi's story, along with the nearly million other cases caught in this country's huge backlog, that has prompted what Immigration Minister Diane Finley called "urgent action" to modernize a dysfunctional immigration system. The government's proposed changes to the Immigration and

Refugee Protection Act are to be voted on in the coming weeks.

No one disputes the long waits are unacceptable. But a growing number of immigration experts and community groups say Finley's proposal will not reduce the backlog and will, in fact, lengthen the wait because the amendments only apply to new applications filed after Feb. 26.

The government has embedded the controversial changes in the 2008 budget bill, turning the immigration plan into a confidence vote — a move the Liberal Opposition

was ill-prepared for.

The proposal has created a furor among its critics, who argue the current act already gives the minister power to reduce the backlog by altering the point system and giving priority to different types of applications, without compromising parliamentary oversight.

"With the blank-cheque power, decisions could be made in secret or not made at all, and rules could change retroactively. There would be no limit on the discretionary power granted to bureaucrats," said immigration lawyer Richard Kurland.

A large contributing factor to the backlog is Canada's popular open-door policy that literally allows anyone who can chalk up at least 67 points on its point-selection system to put an application in the pile.

Immigration experts say if it wants to get serious about the backlog, the government must do two things: Inject additional resources and vastly expand the yearly targets to let more people in.

Canadian immigration lawyer Tim Leahy said Canada could also "paper-screen" skilled worker applicants and, for those who meet the minimum criteria, issue open work permits that would allow them to finish the process inside Canada.

To avoid a future backlog, Immigration Canada could control intake by raising the pass mark prospectively.

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new powers

If passed, the legislative changes would give Finley the power to:

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- >> Instruct officials to cherry-pick immigrants based on labour market needs.

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Money for housing

Council set to approve \$5M more per year

Housing first.

It's an approach to homelessness that says the best way to help people overcome addictions, mental illness and other issues that led them to a life on the streets is to begin by putting a roof over their head.

A concept long favoured in some American cities, it moved to Toronto three years ago. Today, it's set to get a huge funding boost from city council, which is poised to approve spending nearly \$5 million a year more to expand its \$8.7-million Streets to Homes program (S2H).

The additional cash, approved by council's executive committee earlier this month, will permit hiring more social workers and beefing up support services to help people find homes and jobs, in an effort to curb panhandling.

The compassionate strategy, a reversal from the get-tough approach of issuing

finding homes

» Since its launch in 2005, S2H has helped more than 1,750 people find homes, and nearly 90 per cent of them are still housed.

\$100 tickets in an effort to scare panhandlers off the streets, has been endorsed by Toronto business and

tourism officials. S2H is being widely applauded because of the city funding commitment and the fact it's bringing together politicians, social activists, businesses, the tourist industry and police to confront the problem.

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Danforth Future Leaf?



Christopher Young, 15 months, has fun at a Toronto Marlies exhibit yesterday on the Danforth. More than 400 road hockey players participated in the 10th annual Danforth BIA Charity Road Hockey Challenge.

COLIN MCCORMACK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bullets rip through townhomes

Police searching for clues, suspects

It was almost 5 a.m. when Khadija Salad was awoken by a loud bang.

She had fallen asleep on the living room couch in her northwest Toronto townhouse and the noise she heard was a bullet that ripped through her front door and narrowly missed her.

Salad was one of three residents in a townhouse complex on Orpington Crescent in the Finch Avenue and Albion Road area who had a bullet fired through their doorway early yesterday morning.

According to police, an unknown number of suspects stood out front of the homes and fired close to half a dozen shots into the residences.

Toronto Police Staff Sgt. Andy Schneider said the shootings have left police scratching their heads as to why someone would target these homes in this way.

"It's bad enough when one place is hit by a bullet but to have three places hit is almost unheard of," Schneider said.

Of the three doors hit, one bullet lodged in a wall, one was found in the metal frame of a door and the shot fired into Salad's home travelled through her house and out a back window.

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Toronto group taking earthquake aid to China

Using a felt-tipped marker, Bang-Gu Jiang carefully wrote the words "water purification materials" in Chinese on boxes headed to the earthquake zone.

The Toronto lawyer was at an airport-area warehouse yesterday where members of GlobalMedic, a

local aid group, were readying purification tablets and machines for shipment to quake-ravaged areas of Sichuan province.

Two members of GlobalMedic have already arrived in Chengdu with some supplies and will train locals on how to make water

drinkable.

"Oh my God, I'm so grateful," said Jiang, president of Toronto's Sichuan Association of Canada. "It's just amazing. You can imagine right now people don't have a safe source of water to drink."

The organization is ar-

ranging for air shipment of more equipment, which could arrive by mid-week, including a large purification unit called The Nomad, which can provide 100 litres a minute — enough to supply 70,000 people — at low cost.

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For whom the bells ring

Cycle orchestra goes for record, green living

The streets of Toronto rang with the "briiinggg" of bicycle bells Saturday as hundreds gathered to attempt a new world record and promote "green" living.

They arrived in droves to the city's downtown core to join children's entertainer Chris



off to Guinness Records

» McKhool said the information will be shipped to Guinness World Records, which will ultimately decide if there is a new record. He expects to hear back in a few weeks and will post the results on his website.

McKhool in a bid to break the record for the most bicycle bells rung to music at one time.

The current record stands at 503 and just moments before the attempt, officials announced they had run out of

the 800 free bells they were handing out to participants.

"Breaking a Guinness World Record is not as easy as you think because this is not just about how many bells are being played," he

told the swelling crowd that gathered at Yonge and Dundas Square. "They have to be arranged in a musical way."

The crowd was to play its bells on cue to a tune McKhool wrote especially for the event — Walk And Roll.

"It's a song that celebrates the environment," said McKhool, whose performance and world record attempt was part of the Green Toronto Festival.

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Man in hospital after shootout

Suspect shot in police chase

The province's Special Investigations Unit is investigating after an early morning shootout with police sent one man to Sunnybrook hospital in serious condition.

The chaos erupted around 7:30 a.m. yesterday in the area of Hurontario Street and Bovaird

Drive West. Peel Regional Police officers were in the vicinity working on a case involving a number of stolen vehicles and spotted a "vehicle of interest" in a motel parking lot.

According to SIU spokesperson John Yoannou, the officers noticed the stolen SUV outside the Flowertown

Motel and approached to investigate.

"The officers began questioning the man in a room at the motel," said Yoannou. But the suspect somehow managed to escape the room and sent the officers on a

nearly half-kilometre foot chase through a field and industrial area adjacent to the motel. It was during the chase the shooting erupted.

"It is unclear who fired first," Yoannou said, but the 23-year-old suspect was struck an unknown number of times in the volley of gunfire beside the Osso Bucco Restaurant.

The trailing officers were not injured in the exchange nor were any bystanders.

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Activists visit Rogers Centre

Hundreds of labour activists from across Canada kicked off their national convention yesterday with a trip to a Blue Jays game in an effort to support Rogers Centre concession workers.

Concession workers have been trying to form a union since July 2007 with Unite Here, which represents similar employees at 75 other sporting venues.

The union says the staff want to improve working conditions at Toronto's only major non-union sporting venue.

gaining attention

» The plight of Rogers Centre concession workers garnered widespread attention in the past when actor Danny Glover came out in support of their efforts.

It says Aramark, which recently took over the contract to provide concession services, has dubbed them all probationary employees even though many have worked at the venue for years.

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Marathon T.O. runner shines



Torontonian Tara Quinn Smith reaches the finish line at the ING Ottawa Marathon yesterday. Quinn Smith completed her debut marathon as the top Canadian in the women's category with a time of 2:33:57. She also advanced to the 2009 World Cup in Berlin based on her result.

JAMES MACKENNA/FOR METRO TORONTO

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» **STABBING** A minor a few days shy of his 18th birthday was taken to hospital after he was stabbed in the head in east Toronto. Toronto police found the male victim at Birchmount Road and Bonis Avenue, near Kennedy Road and Sheppard Avenue East, at around 10:15 p.m. Saturday. His injuries were non-life-threatening. The victim was refusing to co-operate with police, said Staff Sgt. Peter Dolamore of 42 Division.

» **SHOOTING** A 20-year-old man was rushed to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after being shot in the leg in the city's west end. Just before 10 p.m. Saturday, Toronto police were called to a public housing complex on Humber Boulevard, southwest of Black Creek Drive and Weston Road after it was reported that several gunshots had been fired in the area.

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Funds offer has strings

Tories won't match donations already made

The federal government's offer to match Canadian donations to disaster relief efforts in China and Myanmar turns out to be nowhere near as generous as it initially appeared.

Humanitarian groups have been disappointed to discover the bulk of donations they've received thus far — in the immediate aftermath of the disasters — won't be matched at all.

"It is certainly somewhat disappointing that we cannot

count all the donations that we've received since the start of this crisis (in Myanmar)," said Kieran Green, communications manager for Care Canada. "Nevertheless, matching funds certainly will help."

When International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda announced the matching funding May 15, she made no mention of any strings attached. "Today, I am announcing that our government will match the contribu-

tions of Canadians to humanitarian organizations working in Burma and China," she told the House of Commons. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

funds

» Oda pledged Friday an additional \$12 million for relief efforts in Myanmar, in addition to the initial \$2 million kicked in by the federal government.

Beach Fun in the sun



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A competitor sets the ball for a spike yesterday in the semifinals of the Kits Classic Pro Beach Volleyball Tournament in Vancouver. Winners of the professional tournament advance to the Corona Extra Open — at the same beach in July — which offers \$15,000 in prize money.

Immigration problems to continue?

Just how Canada's immigration backlog ballooned to almost one million applications today is indeed a million-dollar question.

If Citizenship and Immigration Canada's prediction is accurate, at the current rate, the backlog will skyrocket to 1.6 million by 2012, and the waiting time will grow to 10 years from six.

Immigration officials blame the logjam on a rigid system that requires officials to process applications on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Critics have warned that the Tories' proposed changes to the system border on selective discrimination and could lead to some applications being rejected sight unseen.

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» **AFGHAN** Two separate bomb blasts rocked Kandahar City yesterday, killing a teenage boy and wounding four Canadian soldiers.

» **ARREST** A man who escaped from a mental hospital where he was confined after killing his daughter with an axe was arrested in Montreal Friday as he shopped for camping supplies.

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Torch **Human rights rally**

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A woman holds the Human Rights Torch during a rally near the 2010 Olympic count down clock in Vancouver yesterday to protest the Beijing Olympic games being held this summer.

»news **In Brief**

» **THEFT** Several gold pieces by legendary Canadian artist Bill Reid have been stolen from the University of British Columbia's Museum of Anthropology. Spokesman

Scott Macrae said the break-in and robbery happened sometime Friday night or early Saturday morning.

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Record-breaking jump

Frenchman set to skydive from 40,000 metres

Michel Fournier began final preparations over the weekend for a stunt that will, should all go well, end in the pre-dawn darkness today with him rising slowly in a helium-powered balloon pod until he can touch the very void of space — and then step off.

The 64-year-old French

skydiver aims to free fall 40,000 metres from the stratosphere in a specially designed suit, helmet and parachute to advance the cause of science and, in the process, break four free fall records.

"The jump, based on weather conditions, is planned for 4 a.m. local time," Francine Lecompte-Gittins, spokesperson for the jump, said in an e-mail Saturday.

She is one of an army of

technicians, data crunchers, balloon and weather specialists who have arrived at this city of 14,000 near the Saskatchewan-Alberta boundary for Fournier's third attempt.

The first two — in 2002 and 2003 — ended when wind gusts shredded his balloon before it even became airborne.

This time, the balloon is three layers thick and the plan is to go up before the sun comes up today — when

the skies are expected to be clear and, hopefully, without a breath of wind.

Fournier, a former army paratrooper with more than 8,000 jumps under his belt, hopes to bring back data that will help astronauts and others survive in the highest of altitudes. He wants to also break the record for the fastest and longest free fall, the highest parachute jump and the highest balloon flight.

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Privacy boosted for website owners

Sweeping changes to Canada's home on the World Wide Web will put the country on the vanguard of Internet privacy.

But while law enforcement isn't happy about potentially losing an important investigative tool, the half-million Canadians whose personal information is currently publicly available on the Internet shouldn't rest easy that they are safe from

wired snoops.

It's long been standard for website registrars to publicly provide detailed contact information for individuals who own domain names under dot-ca and dot-com through an easy Internet search called a Whois (pronounced who-is).

The Canada Internet Registration Authority says it will buck the trend by June 10, instituting new privacy

policies that will protect private information from roaming eyes.

The existing Whois system provides the domain owner's name, home address, phone number and e-mail.

It's a treasure trove for spammers, said Michael Geist, a law professor at the University of Ottawa and Canada Research Chair of Internet and E-commerce Law.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

health**Hospitals reusing devices: Expert**

INFECTION A significant number of Canadian hospitals are still reusing single-use medical devices and the vast majority of those that do sterilize or "reprocess" the devices in-house — a practice fraught with risk, infection control experts say.

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Boomer gets blog

Public can't seem to get enough of 'pussycat' lion

The lovable lion whose escape briefly terrorized a community in Quebec last month is developing quite a following at his new digs.

Better known as Boomer, the headline-grabbing feline is drawing so much interest from the public that his keepers at the Granby Zoo have

at the zoo

» Boomer was seized by the Quebec government after his capture May 1.
» The Granby Zoo has no plans to put Boomer on display for the public.

taken to blogging about the lion on their website.

Boomer's Quebec odyssey started when he fled from the Kitigan Zibi reserve near Maniwaki, about 130 kilo-

metres north of Ottawa. His Ontario owner, Denis Day, had sent the lion to stay with a friend after officials questioned the wisdom of keeping a lion as a pet.

The cub's escape caused a stir in the small community, which locked down local schools and day cares and asked residents to stay alert.

But Boomer, who now weighs 44 kilograms, turned out to be more pussycat than killer.

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Jennifer Brash, whose husband Andrew summited Mount Everest Friday, celebrates at their Calgary home with her daughter Anna, who holds a picture of him taken in Nepal.

Hero on top of world

Calgarian finally summits Everest

Andrew Brash's selfless decision two years ago to abort his Mount Everest attempt within sight of the summit and save Australian Lincoln Hall's life drew international accolades but left him deeply disappointed.

The 39-year-old teacher

from Calgary finally covered those last 200 metres Friday and became one of a record 75 people to reach the top of the world at the same time.

In 2006, Brash and three other climbers found Hall above the so-called 8,000-metre "death zone" sitting half-clothed on a cliff's edge. Hall had been left for dead by his own team.

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mystery feet

Fourth foot washes up in B.C.

NATURAL Police say the right foot that washed up on Kirkland Island in Richmond, B.C., Thursday had not been cut off by human action, meaning natural forces led to the foot being separated from the leg.

Three other feet, all in running shoes, were found washed up on Valdez, Gabriola and Jedidiah Islands in southern B.C. last year. None were forcibly severed.

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» **ALBERTA** A flood warning in southwestern Alberta has been downgraded to a flood watch. Alberta Environment says a storm system that brought heavy rain to the region on the weekend has weakened, and only scattered showers are in the forecast for the next two days.

» **ONTARIO** After three days, police divers recovered the bodies of two boaters who went missing Thursday on a lake on Manitoulin Island.

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Authorities in southern Germany have taken custody of a seven-month-old boy after his parents posted an ad on EBay offering to sell him for one euro. Police said the mother told authorities the Internet ad was only a joke.

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Aftershock rocks China

New tremor kills 2, hundreds hurt

A powerful aftershock destroyed tens of thousands of homes in central China yesterday, killing two people and straining recovery efforts from the country's worst earthquake in three decades.

More than 480 others were injured.

Meanwhile, soldiers rushed with explosives to unblock a debris-clogged river threatening to flood homeless quake survivors.

The fresh devastation came after a magnitude 6.0 aftershock — among the most powerful recorded since the initial May 12 quake, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

death toll

» Before the aftershock, authorities said the confirmed death toll from the disaster had risen to 62,664, with another 23,775 people missing.

The China National Seismic Network said the aftershock was the strongest of dozens in the nearly two weeks after the disaster. Some 71,000 homes that had survived the original quake were levelled, and another 200,000 were in danger of collapse.

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Colombia Deaths, damages in quake



A woman runs past cars yesterday damaged by an earthquake in Quetame, southeast of Bogota, Colombia. The 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck Saturday, killing at least six people and injuring more than 10.

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Potter actor stabbed to death

A British teenage actor playing a minor role in the upcoming Harry Potter film was stabbed to death during a brawl in London.

Rob Knox was stabbed after he got caught up in a fight outside a bar in southwest London.

Knox plays Marcus Belby

in the upcoming film Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince, the sixth instalment of the series set for release in November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt

Jewish group's visit cancelled

TRIP The Israeli Embassy in Cairo says a delegation of elderly Egyptian-born Jews was forced to cancel a visit to Egypt because it was unable to find accommodation following a local media storm over its trip.

The visit was described in the Egyptian media as a conference with an agenda that included demanding the return of properties once owned by Jews in Egypt, a charge denied by the delegation.

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» **LEBANON** Michel Suleiman was sworn in as Lebanon's president yesterday after parliament elected him in long-delayed vote following an 18-month political stalemate.

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nations boost contributions

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- » China boosted its pledge to \$11 million.
- » Australia pledged \$24 million.

Donor countries said they were ready to provide Myanmar with more than \$100 million to help it recover from cyclone Nargis, but warned the ruling junta yesterday they will not fully open their wallets until they

are provided access to the hardest-hit areas.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, speaking to The Associated Press after a one-day meeting of 51 donor nations,

said he believed a turning point had been reached in getting Myanmar's isolationist junta to allow foreign aid workers unhindered entry into the devastated Ir-

rawaddy Delta.

But Myanmar's leaders continued to take a guarded tone.

Myanmar's Prime Minister Lt.-Gen. Thein Sein said international aid "with no strings attached" was welcome. But he hedged on the sensitive issue of direct access, saying only civilian vessels could take part in the aid operation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

British divers survive night in ocean

A British diver says he thought he and his American girlfriend would be eaten by sharks as they spent a night floating over Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

ordeal

» Neely told Britain's Sunday Mirror newspaper: "I truly thought we were going to die. Sharks were on our mind the entire time."

The couple had been diving on a reef, but when they resurfaced they found themselves 200 metres from their chartered boat and out of sight of its crew.

The two were finally rescued by a helicopter Saturday after an overnight air search. And the pilot who winched them from the ocean said yesterday they were in surprisingly good humour. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Belgium Cargo plane crashes at airport



A cargo plane split in two lies at the end of the runway at Brussels Airport in Zaventem yesterday. The Boeing 747-200 broke apart close to a row of houses while trying to abort a takeoff and stopped just five metres from a rail line. Four crew members were slightly injured.

Obama plays down Clinton gaffe

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's reference Friday to the June 1968 assassination of Robert F. Kennedy as she attempted to explain her reasons for remaining in the race struck some who heard it as a veiled reference to Barack Obama.

Plenty of voters worry that Obama faces extra risks to his safety as the first black candidate to have a possibility of being elected president.

On Saturday, Obama seemed to inclined to excuse Clinton's remark as a simple misstep.

"I have learned that when you are campaigning for as many months as Senator Clinton and I have been campaigning, sometimes you get careless in terms of the statements that you make and I think that is what happened here. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Hollywood targets B.C. man

25-year-old faces lawsuit over popular website



18 million visitors

» Fung has put his studies on hold as he maintains a website that sees 18 million visitors a month, linking them to more than 25 million files ranging from music and movies to video games and software.

Five years ago, Gary Fung, 25, set up a small website (isohunt.com) in his Richmond, B.C., home to let visitors search for files through a then-emerging file-sharing system called BitTorrent.

What started as a hobby

project to help Fung improve his programming skills has grown into one of the largest file-sharing websites on the Internet — with five paid staff members and growing

advertising revenues — and has made Fung the target of a major lawsuit launched by the Hollywood film industry.

Fung first heard from the Motion Picture Association of

America — or MPAA — more than three years ago, when the association's lawyers wrote him demanding copyrighted movies be taken down immediately. The MPAA launched a lawsuit in a U.S. court in 2006.

Fung says he intends to fight the lawsuit. Other websites have collapsed before their legal cases were resolved.

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In Brief



» **WARNING** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday warned women not to use or purchase Mommy's Bliss Nipple Cream, marketed by MOM Enterprises of San Rafael, Calif. The cream, promoted to nursing mothers to help soothe dry or cracked nipples, contains chlorphenesin and phenoxethanol that may cause respiratory distress, vomiting and diarrhea in infants, the agency said.

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Hybrids Green buses a go



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New buses sit outside the Motor Coach Industries plant in Pembina, N.D. MCI will begin delivering the first of 102 hybrid diesel-electric buses this summer, some to Houston's transit system, under a contract worth about \$80 million. Another 126 diesel-only buses are being shipped out to the transit system in New York City in a deal worth \$67 million.

Bullfrog spotlights green power

This is Energy Conservation Week and, once again, Bullfrog Power has leaped into the spotlight. The purveyor of "green" electricity has in less than three years made itself synonymous with renewable power, despite handling a minuscule frac-

tion of the electricity generated in the province — just three 10-thousandths of a per cent, or 0.0003.

The company's curious growth strategy relies on getting consumers to pay a 50 per cent premium for electricity, without any promise

of paybacks or government rebates. Their only reward is the warm, fuzzy feeling they've helped to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

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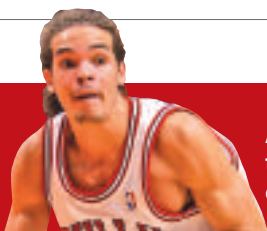
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Authorities in Florida charged Chicago Bulls forward Joakim Noah, left, yesterday with possession of marijuana and having an open container of alcohol. He could face up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pens shuffle deck after Game 1 loss

Dupuis bumped off Crosby's line

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

The Pittsburgh Penguins aren't wasting any time shaking up their lineup in the Stanley Cup final.

Penguins head coach Michel Therrien has made changes to every line, including that of superstar captain Sidney Crosby, following Saturday's ugly 4-0 loss to the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1.

Game 2 is tonight at 8 in Detroit.

Crosby, who had three shots and a minus-1 rating on Saturday, will have Ryan Malone on his left wing instead of Pascal Dupuis.

Sniper Marian Hossa stays on the right side.

Malone, who had skated with Evgeni Malkin and Petr Sykora, has been replaced by Maxime Talbot. Dupuis goes to the third line with Jordan Staal and Tyler Kennedy, while veteran Gary Roberts will return to the lineup on the fourth line.

"We've done it (changed lines) all season, so I don't think it's a huge deal," Crosby said in a press conference yesterday. "I don't think anybody's role changes when they change lines. It's just different looks and sometimes it depends on who coach wants to play cer-



Crosby

tain lines against and how they match up."

Crosby said he is happy with his matchup against Detroit's top line of Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg.

"I wouldn't change anything, to be honest," Crosby said. "We had our chances and we didn't put them in. I don't think they did a whole lot to shut us down completely."

Therrien said Game 1 was Pittsburgh's "worst performance of the playoffs" but is hopeful the line changes will help.

"Every team has to make adjustments through the course of the playoffs," Therrien explained. "We believe those adjustments are going to help us to get success."

Oops! Chiefs claim Memorial Cup



Spokane Chiefs captain Chris Bruton hands a broken Memorial Cup to teammate Trevor Glass after their team won the Canadian Hockey League championship with a 4-1 victory over the host Rangers yesterday in Kitchener, Ont. The cup atop the trophy became separated from its base during the post-game celebrations, but it didn't dampen the proceedings.

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In Brief

MOTORSPORTS Lewis Hamilton overcame an early accident and wet conditions yesterday to win the Monaco Grand Prix. The McLaren driver finished three seconds ahead of BMW Sauber's Robert Kubica while pole sitter Felipe Massa of Ferrari was third at Formula One's most famous race.

HORSE RACING Big Brown's perfect path has its first bump. The unbeaten Triple Crown contender has a slight crack on his left front hoof, although trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. was confident yesterday the injury won't keep his colt from running for glory in the Belmont Stakes in less than two weeks.

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Dixon roars at Indy

New Zealander wins famous race, Danica crashes out

Scott Dixon stayed ahead of the trouble, got a boost from his crew and drove to his first Indianapolis 500 victory yesterday.

Dixon sped out of the pits ahead of Vitor Meira on the final round of stops, then held off the Brazilian and hard-luck Marco Andretti to win the first 500 since the two warring open-wheel series came together under the IndyCar banner.

Danica Patrick failed to finish for the first time in four trips to Indy, though it wasn't her fault. She was clipped on pit road by Ryan Briscoe with 29 laps to go, breaking the left rear suspension on a car that had run in the top 10 most of the race but never seriously challenged for the lead. She finished 22nd.

Patrick's mishap was one of numerous crashes and mechanical failures that slowed the race under the yellow



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New Zealand's Scott Dixon takes the traditional drink of milk to celebrate winning the 92nd Indianapolis 500 yesterday.

caution flag eight times for a total of 69 laps. But Dixon, who started from the pole, clearly had the strongest car on the track.

"There were so many yel-

lows," Dixon said, "it was really hard to get into a rhythm."

Marty Roth of Toronto crashed on Lap 59, finishing 32nd.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL					Cleveland 23 27 .460 4	Florida at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
STANLEY CUP FINAL					Detroit 21 29 .420 6	
PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT					Kansas City 21 29 .420 6	
Game 1 — Saturday					WEST DIVISION	
Detroit 4 Pittsburgh 0					L.A. Angels 30 21 .588 —	
Game 2 — Tonight					Oakland 28 23 .549 2	
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8					Texas 26 26 .500 4½	
Game 3 — Wednesday					Seattle 18 33 .353 12	
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8					NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Game 4 — Saturday, May 31					EAST DIVISION	
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8					Florida 29 20 .592 —	
*Game 5 — Monday, June 2					Atlanta 27 23 .540 2½	
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8					Philadelphia 28 24 .538 2½	
*Game 6 — Wednesday, June 4					N.Y. Mets 23 25 .479 5½	
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8					Washington 22 29 .431 8	
*Game 7 — Saturday, June 7					CENTRAL DIVISION	
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8					Chicago Cubs 29 21 .580 —	
(Detroit leads series 1-0)					St. Louis 30 22 .577 —	
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NBA					Pittsburgh 24 26 .480 5	
CONFERENCE FINALS					Milwaukee 27 27 .460 6	
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BOSTON VS. DETROIT					WEST DIVISION	
Game 3 — Saturday					Arizona 30 20 .600 —	
Boston 94 Detroit 80					L.A. Dodgers 26 23 .531 3½	
Game 4 — Tonight					Colorado 20 30 .400 10	
Boston at Detroit, 8:30					San Francisco 31 32 .392 10½	
Game 5 — Wednesday					San Diego 19 33 .365 12	
Detroit at Boston, 8:30					YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	
*Game 6 — Friday					AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Boston at Detroit, 8:30					TORONTO 3 Kansas City 1	
*Game 7 — Sunday, June 1					Minnesota 6 Detroit 1	
Detroit at Boston, 8:30					NATIONAL LEAGUE	
(Boston leads series 2-1)					N.Y. Yankees 6 Seattle 5	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					Tampa Bay 5 Baltimore 4	
L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO					Texas 2 Cleveland 1 (10 ins)	
Game 3 — Last night					Oakland 6 Boston 3	
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio					L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox	
Game 4 — Tomorrow					NATIONAL LEAGUE	
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9					Arizona 9 Atlanta 3	
*Game 5 — Thursday					Colorado 4 N.Y. Mets 1	
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9					Florida 8 San Francisco 6 (Gm 1)	
*Game 6 — Saturday, May 31					L.A. Dodgers 4 St. Louis 3 (10 ins)	
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30					Philadelphia 15 Houston 6	
*Game 7 — Monday, June 2					Pittsburgh 6 Chicago Cubs 5 (11 ins)	
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9					San Diego 12 Cincinnati 9 (18 ins)	
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0)					Washington 7 Milwaukee 6	
(* — if necessary)					TODAY'S GAMES	
MLB					AMERICAN LEAGUE	
EAST DIVISION					Kansas City at TORONTO, 12:37	
W L PCT GB					N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 1:35	
Tampa Bay	30	20	.600	—	Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:10	
Boston	31	22	.585	½	Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:05	
TORONTO	27	25	.519	4	Boston at Seattle, 10:10	
N.Y. Yankees	25	25	.500	5	NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Baltimore	24	25	.490	5½	Arizona at Atlanta, 1:05	
CENTRAL DIVISION					Milwaukee at Washington, 1:35	
W L PCT GB					L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 2:20	
Chicago Sox	26	22	.542	—	Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05	
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Kansas City Royals designated hitter Jose Guillen is tagged out at home plate by Blue Jays catcher Rod Barajas off a throw by Alex Rios during the fourth inning yesterday at Rogers Centre.

Jays stretch streak to 4

Outfield arms help deliver win

BLUE JAYS 3 ROYALS 1

Blue Jays right-hander Dustin McGowan might want to pick up a dinner bill on the road for teammates Shannon Stewart and Alex Rios.

Two strong throws from the outfielders loomed large for McGowan yesterday as

the starter ended a personal slump and helped extend the Blue Jays' winning streak to four games with a solid performance in a 3-1 victory over the sliding Kansas City Royals before a crowd of 29,315 at the Rogers Centre.

Rios and Stewart gunned out scoring threats in the fourth and fifth innings, allowing McGowan to escape jams and propel the Jays to two games over .500, tying a season high.

"They played great behind me," McGowan said after winning for the first time in four starts. "Rios throwing a runner out at home was big, and (Stewart) throwing a runner out at third was also big. That was really nice."

The Jays have a chance to equal a season-high winning streak of five games this afternoon in the series finale against the Royals, losers of seven in a row.

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Kuerten wastes no time in French Open farewell

Gustavo Kuerten bid farewell to tennis yesterday in the first round of the French Open, losing 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 to Paul-Henri Mathieu at the site of his biggest triumphs.



Kuerten

The former top-ranked Brazilian, who had said beforehand that his first loss at this year's second grand slam would be his last event at any level, won three French Open titles.

In other men's action, third-seeded Novak Djokovic, No. 6 David Nalbandian, No. 10 Andy Murray and No. 7 James Blake all advanced to the second round.

In the women's draw, Serena Williams beat Ashley Harkleroad 6-2, 6-1 and last year's French Open runner-up Ana Ivanovic struggled before beating Sofia Arvidsson 6-2, 7-5.

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»sports In Brief

» **GOLF** Phil Mickelson made a nine-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a one-stroke victory yesterday at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial after Tim Clark and Rod Pampling, who blew a two-stroke lead over the back nine yesterday. It was the 34th career victory for Mickelson, who began the final round with a one-stroke lead.

» **GOLF** Leta Lindley birdied the first hole of a playoff with Jeong Jang in the LPGA Corning Classic yesterday to claim her first career victory in her 29th professional start on tour.

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Litterbugs a pest to wildlife



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Last week we were in Monterey, Calif., for a conference and visited the Aquarium on Cannery Row. If you ever find yourself in Monterey, the Aquarium is excellent and well worth the price of admission, but that's not the point of the story.

An injured albatross makes its home at the Aquarium, and its keepers were talking about some of the threats these magnificent birds face.

An albatross nesting on atolls in the middle of the Pacific may fly as far as the California coast foraging for food on the open ocean before returning to feed chicks. They scan the surface looking for food, any small fish or invertebrates. Unfortunately,

what they often swallow is plastic.

There are several major gyres in the world's oceans. These are areas where ocean currents form a vortex and the water at the centre of the vortex is relatively still. Trash that is carried to the centre of these gyres is retained and concentrated. According to a white paper prepared by the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, in the North Pacific Central Gyre the quantity of plastic debris is more than six times greater than that of zooplankton (small animals that are eaten by birds, fish, and sea turtles).

While visiting the Aquarium, we were shown a bottle that contained the stomach contents of a dead albatross chick. Most of the contents were familiar — a few caps from plastic pop bottles, a cigarette holder, scraps of plastic bags, beads, etc. A study cited in the previously mentioned white paper estimated 40 per cent of all premature albatross chick deaths were related to in-



Littering and throwing away garbage without thinking about it can affect wildlife. Be careful what you do with your garbage, especially plastics, our columnists write.

gestion of plastics collected by parents at sea.

But this isn't just about the albatross. Oceanic gyres are naturally rich foraging areas for a variety of animals such as birds, fish, and sea turtles, and many species feeding in these areas of the ocean are affected by our waste. One study estimated more than 250 marine species are harmed by plastics, either through ingestion or

entanglement.

This article is also not just about marine animals we do not encounter in central Canada. Watch a pigeon on the sidewalk and you will see it sampling a variety of different "foods" including cigarette butts and bits of plastic, especially if it is a food wrapper. Maybe pigeons don't inspire much sympathy, but many animals, particularly visual feeders,

are not good at distinguishing food from debris. Think about how easy it is to trick a fish into striking a plastic fly.

We need to be careful about what we do with our garbage, especially plastics. Overflowing trash bins, carelessly discarded garbage, or scraps that escape our recycling bins can all get into the environment and be mistaken for food (perhaps here or after it has been transported thousands of kilometres).

Minimize the chances for your garbage to escape. If you have street-side recycling and garbage pickup, take it out in the morning and give the raccoons and neighbourhood cats less time to tear open the bags. Cover your recycling bins so the wind doesn't carry away the lighter scraps.

Enjoy the wildlife, but please do not feed the animals (your trash).

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energy

Conservation week begins today

INITIATIVE Today marks the beginning of Ontario's first Energy Conservation Week, a grassroots provincewide initiative to highlight the importance of energy conservation.

Events during the week will demonstrate ways to conserve energy at home, at work and at school.

Today is Electricity Impact Day. Almost 40 per cent of an institutional building's electricity is consumed by lighting systems.

Tomorrow is the Tieless Tuesday Challenge. A two-degree adjustment to your thermostat setting can lower electricity bills by 4 per cent and prevent 225 kilograms of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere each year.

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Coping through the grapevine

Viticulturist gains strength while managing fields

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOV**
for Metro Toronto

Paula Moulton's world shattered in 2003, when her husband of 19 years, Chuck, was killed in a car accident.

Instead of falling into despair, however, Moulton decided to support her three kids and honour her husband's memory by forging ahead with her dreams.

The tragedy happened just three days before Moulton's first book — a collection of personal wisdom titled *Seasons Among The Vines: Life Lessons From The California Wine Country* — was about to be published.

Her husband had been an orthopaedic surgeon serving thousands of clients and teamed with Moulton's knowledge of grapes (she has a degree in viticulture as well as a writing degree) they had owned two dozen acres of grapevines near San Francisco, selling grapes to several



Paula Moulton, who lost her husband, now runs her own winery in Sonoma, Calif.

wineries in California's famous Sonoma wine region.

Overnight, Moulton had to take the financial reins — she sold all 24 acres of grapevines and began running the orthopaedic practice, hiring new doctors and keeping the office afloat, while the emotional wounds were still fresh.

"I was mourning as I was going through it. It was like

stepping into someone's shoes overnight. There was of course a lot of change, a lot of pain," Moulton said.

She said fear of letting her kids down motivated her.

"I thought, 'I have to teach them to move on, to have a life.' Whenever I felt, 'I can't do this,' I thought about my kids."

She said she hardly re-

members the first six months after the accident, relying on accounts her kids and friends gave her about that time.

"I think it was part of my coping mechanism," she said.

Moulton, now 48, runs her own winery in Sonoma, which she and her kids named Midnight Moulton, her deceased husband's nickname. She remarried a year ago and

wine's on the mind

» Sonoma Valley is an area of California north of San Francisco that's famous for its wine production. Some wineries include: Adler

Fels, Amapola Creek Vineyards & Winery, Kenwood Vineyards, Bartholomew Park Winery and Moon Mountain Vineyards.

has a second book on the way, aimed at helping people who have lost something — be it a job, or a spouse. She hopes people can learn from her experiences that life is uncertain and the best you can do is make the choice to move on.

"You do have the power to make decisions in your life.

You don't have the power to change the past, or even what might happen to you today, but if you can just pull the positive things out of an experience, you can move on with your life.

"Take small steps. You don't have to take huge leaps," Moulton said.

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Violinist says she's no prodigy

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"I begged to start (playing the violin) when I was three, but I had to wait until I was four because my hands were too tiny," says Hou, who must have, through osmosis, inherited the musical genes of her parents — both of whom are also violinists.

Sure, the stereotypical image of stern Chinese par-

ents forcing the strings upon their only child does come to light, but Hou insists it was not her parents' choice, but her decision to pick up the violin, and that her talent is not God-given, but developed through learning.

Child lessons from dad spanned "two hours a day, every day, come rain or shine, in sickness or in health," says Hou. By 12, her regimen increased to four-plus hours a day, and by 18

training ballooned upwards to nine hours a day.

"I was taught lovingly, yet strictly," admits Hou, "but ultimately it was my choice," she says from Texas, her latest stop on her current tour comprising a stellar ensemble of top fiddlers and violinists



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Hou's choice has been paying off handsomely. She uprooted from Shanghai to Toronto as a toddler. Her first public performance was staged at age five, and by nine she scored a scholarship into Toronto's Royal Conservatory of

Music. Then at 12, she found herself commuting to New York's prestigious Julliard School where she graduated with multiple certifications.

From then on, the accolades kept coming. She made a mark in history by becoming the first to win

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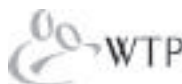
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Vacation deprived?

Almost 30% of Canadians aren't taking time off

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOV**
for Metro Toronto

Feeling vacation-deprived? Join the club — a new Ipsos-Reid survey shows 29 per cent of Canadians do not take all their vacation days every year and 33 per cent agreed they feel vacation-deprived at work.

The survey, in its sixth year and released by online travel portal *Expedia.ca*, found that lack of time, too much work, restrictive and un-supportive vacation policies at work and work-load guilt from bosses and co-work-

ers all contributed to fewer people taking vacation days. Only 21 per cent of Canadians missed taking all their vacation days in the same study last year.

"People have a hard time taking a vacation when they're too busy to get away," said Beverly Beuermann-King, a stress and wellness expert from Toronto involved with the study.

Beuermann-King says in her experience, people who don't take vacations often think they are being more productive but in fact show much higher rates of absenteeism, drug use and disabil-

ity claims than people who take a regular break.

"Not taking a vacation is a symptom of not having that work-life balance. If you don't have time to take your vacation, then what else do you have time for?" she said.

For most people, a few days of fun and relaxation can make a big difference, but others may need to put their foot down and commit to some real time off.

"If you haven't had a vacation in five years, a long weekend probably isn't going to make you feel rejuvenated," Beuermann-King said.

«Not taking a vacation is a symptom of not having that work-life balance. If you don't have time to take your vacation, then what else do you have time for?»

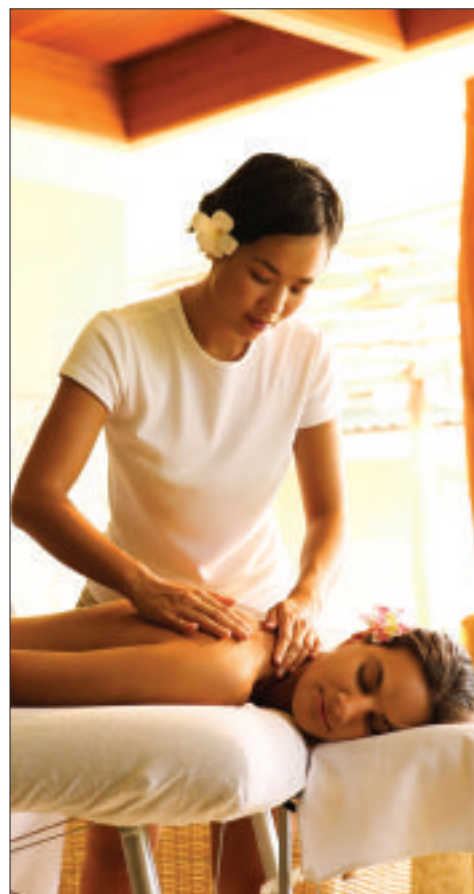
Beverly Beuermann-King

Getting into "vacation mode" can take a few days so Beuermann-King says to plan for a one- to two-week vacation if you

need a longer break. Knowing yourself is also key to choosing the right vacation: people in repetitive jobs often find joy in doing something tense and adventurous, whereas people in stressful jobs tend to prefer something relaxing like lying on a beach, being served and not having to think about much of anything.

Sean Shannon, managing director of *Expedia.ca*, says even though the study is in its sixth year, he still finds the results a bit shocking.

"It always astounds me that there are hardworking Canadians who don't use their vacation days," he said.



Choosing the right vacation is important as people in repetitive jobs often find joy in adventure, while people in stressful jobs tend to prefer something relaxing.

Guilt can play a big role in whether people take vacations, Beuermann-King says, because work doesn't go on vacation when we do, so plan your vacation well in advance, notify co-workers ahead of time and make preparations for your return to work before you go.

E-mails and duties can pile up upon return, so Beuermann-King recommends a little trick: tell people you're coming back one day later than you actually are — this will leave you with one whole day to check messages and set things back in order. Forget vacation envy and take charge of your time off.

"Don't get caught up in the jealousy — start planning your own vacation," she said.

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BRIAN MOORE was an investment banker for thirteen years when he decided to return to his first career love as a chef. Today his main dish is cooking up children's meals. He likes the fact his job keeps him challenged, but more importantly, it's the satisfaction of giving kids a healthy meal. When he's not cooking soup du jours, he commits time volunteering for various community organizations.

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Workers cling to job while away

Employees now expected to check e-mail at the beach

As workers prepare to enjoy the start of the summer vacation season, for some, it won't mean being free of the office. A quarter of workers, up from 20 per cent in 2007, said they plan to stay in contact with work while on vacation, and close to one in ten (9 per cent) said their bosses expect them to be working or at least checking e-mail while on vacation, according to the *Career-BUILDER.com* annual vacation survey.

Fifteen per cent of workers said they gave up vacation days in 2007 because they didn't have time to use them, with 9 per cent giving up four or more days.

Comparing industries, sales workers (50 per cent) lead in the number of workers planning to check in while

away on vacation, followed by 37 per cent of both financial services workers and IT workers.

Employers' expectations play a role in worker decisions to stay connected while on vacation. Nearly one in five IT workers (19 per cent) said working, checking voicemail and e-mail while on vacation is required by their employers, compared to 17 per cent of sales workers, 14 per cent of workers in the financial industry and 12 per cent of those in professional and business services.

The stress of taking vacations may lead some to lie about ease of access at their vacation destinations. Seven per cent of workers said they have lied to their employers, claiming they couldn't be reached on vacation.

"Taking a vacation is a great way for workers to re-energize themselves and bring fresh ideas back to the

table," said Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of Human Resources at Career-BUILDER. "Unfortunately for some workers, getting away can add unnecessary stress

to their lives. Twelve per cent of workers said they feel guilty when they are on vacation, and 6 per cent felt that it could lead to them losing their jobs. If you pre-

pare to be away in advance, your organizational skills may impress your leadership team and allow you to take a truly work-free vacation."

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When planning a vacation, Haefner recommends the following tips to make your time off a true break from the office:

» 1. Prepare.

Prepare. Prepare. Make sure that everyone on your team knows what days you plan to be out of the office as far in advance as possible. Also, keep a journal of a day in your work life and share it with a co-worker who will be covering for you. The journal should have important information such as project contact information, any emergency passwords, etc.

vacation plans

Workers plan to spend their vacations in a variety of ways, including:

- » Travelling (36 per cent)
- » Visiting family and friends (24 per cent)
- » Resting (20 per cent)
- » Catching up on housework (8 per cent)
- » Running errands (3 per cent)

» 2. Think Big. If you know that you will be taking a big vacation this year and expect a big project to appear at around the same time, do everything possible to leave as much room between the two events. Projects sometimes run longer than projected, so make sure you build in enough time to your plans so both don't become stressful.

» 3. Stick to a plan. In most cases you are going to be away with other people on vacation. If you have to work, schedule a (short) block of time

each day to check in and take care of any important business. Sticking to this plan will allow you the piece of mind of knowing things are fine at the office and will allow your family or friends to schedule activities without having to leave you behind.

» 4. Teach by example. If you are the boss, take a vacation and limit your contact with the office. Workers will feel much better getting away and enjoying themselves if they see the boss doing the same.

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Winehouse talks about new album



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Chan planning earthquake film

MOVIES Jackie Chan is planning to make a film about the Chinese earthquake to raise money for survivors, BBC News Online reports.

The action hero is meeting directors and scriptwriters to get the project off the ground.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Idol champ keeps his cool

Despite criticism, David Cook never lost confidence

By SANDY CAETANO
Metro Toronto

Before being crowned the new king of American Idol, David Cook had many hurdles to jump over including criticisms from the judges.

When you're in a singing competition of this magnitude, competitors have to deal with the stress of learning new songs each week in addition to critics nitpicking song choices, vocal talents and outfits. Judge Simon Cowell was

one of Cook's toughest critics. He put Cook's performances down numerous times and even called him cocky and pompous. However, Cook says he never let it get to him or change who he was.

"I went into this with kind of a different perspective from everybody else. I didn't have any expectations as to what the show was going to do for me or what I was going to do for the show," says Cook. "I just went into (it) as an opportunity to expose myself musically to a large audience. So my confidence level really never wavered and maybe that's what got misinterpreted as cocky or arrogant."

«I just want to make a record that's going to make the hair on the back of your neck stand up.»

David Cook



American Idol champ David Cook is working on a new album.

From day one, Cook understood the brevity of the situation but chose not to get wrapped up in it. For him the focus was on enjoying the experience.

Cook's first album coming

out of the Idol gate is going to feature a mixture of his own work as well as contributions from others. His priority is to release a solid and successful record.

"The ideal release date is as

soon as possible if you're asking me, but obviously these things take time," says the 25-year-old former bartender from Blue Springs, Mo. "As far as the type of record, it'll probably be a rock record, but I think that's a pretty vague generalization. I just want to make a record that's going to make the hair on the back of your neck stand up."

As for fellow competitor, David Archuleta, Cook has only warm words.

"He's just an amazing human being, so I was just honoured to share the stage with him."

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celeb justice

Snipes free on bail pending appeal



Wesley Snipes

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Actor Wesley Snipes will be allowed to remain free on bail as he appeals three federal U.S. tax convictions. A judge in Florida has granted the actor's motion for bail pending appeal of his case, saying he doesn't pose a flight risk and is not a threat to the community.

Snipes was sentenced last month to three years in prison on three misdemeanor counts of wilful failure to file his income tax returns. The government alleges the star of the Blade trilogy, White Men Can't Jump and Jungle Fever hasn't filed a tax return since 1998. Had Snipes not been granted bail, he would have had to surrender to prison authorities June 3.

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TV theme songs, Part 3:

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2. Peter Gunn
3. Mary Tyler Moore Show
4. Twin Peaks
5. Batman

— Rick McGinnis/Metro Toronto

Indiana's hot start

Crystal Skull film draws \$56M US in first two days

Indiana Jones may be older, but he's still finding treasure at the box office.

Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull is the fourth film in the action-adventure series and it earned \$56 million US Thursday and Friday in its first two days of release.

One analyst calls that very



Harrison Ford

solid. But he says it remains to be seen if it can beat last year's record Memorial Day weekend opening by Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's

End. That one took in \$153 million US.

The Harrison Ford-Steven Spielberg paring also needs a strong weekend finish to top this year's biggest hit so far, Iron Man. It pulled in \$98.5 million US in its first weekend.

Crystal Skull is the first Indiana Jones film in 19 years.

It premiered at the Cannes Film Festival this month to less than stellar reviews.

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movies

The Class earns top Cannes award

FESTIVAL The French film *The Class*, a frank tale about classroom life using real students and teachers at a junior high school, won the Palme d'Or, the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival yesterday.

Directed by Laurent Cantet, *The Class* is shot in a raw, improvisational style to chronicle the drama that unfolds over one school year.

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book awards

Among the finalists for this year's Trillium Book Awards are:

- » Barbara Gowdy, for *Helpless*
- » Lorna Goodison, for *From Harvey River*
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- » Gil Adamson, for *The Outlander*
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This ain't an Idol show

SO YOU THINK I WON'T WATCH? Back when writing up recaps of the Idol shows produced on either side of the border was the most onerous part of my job, my hate mail was frequently broken up with e-mails from readers — men, mostly — thanking me for giving voice to their Idol-hatred, as their wife/girl-

friend made them watch the thing every week. (Frankly, it sounded to me like someone needed another TV, or an expensive, time-consuming new hobby, if only to make a point.) I was glad to be of service, but I can't help but be grateful that the one show my wife is addicted to — a show similar to Idol in

many respects, and produced by the same people in fact — is one that I actually enjoy watching every week, now that it's back on the air.

I'm talking about the awkwardly-titled *So You Think You Can Dance?*, which everyone mistakes for *Dancing With The Stars*, a far inferior piece of primetime by any standard. My distaff side and I aren't the only fans, judging by the show's stellar summer season ratings, and by an appreciation of the show that ran in the Los Angeles Times this weekend.

Claire Zulkey, a Times staffer, states that SYTYCD is "arguably the best performance competition on TV, let alone during the summer season, and it's the perfect series to cleanse the palate after Idol." In my opinion, the show works because dancing, unlike singing, is easier to judge objectively; charm, style and repertoire can get you



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a long way on Idol, but if you're not up to the physical demands of dancing the show's routines every week — a challenge whose rules are set by simple, brute biology and physics — no blinding array of charm can save you.

A Canadian version is in auditioning, and set to debut on CTV this fall and, frankly, I haven't looked forward to a Canadian show this much since *Front Page Challenge* went all-nude.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics' corner

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Hank as the Dog River ambassador? Whoever decided that needs his head examined. In "American in Saskatchewan," Hank (Fred Ewanuick) is assigned to show an American around, but he stinks at it. So Brent (Brent Butt) steps in to undo the mess. Karen (Tara Spencer-Nairn) decides she should finally learn to speak French, but Dog River is seriously lacking in francophones. 11:30 AM on COM



CSI: Miami

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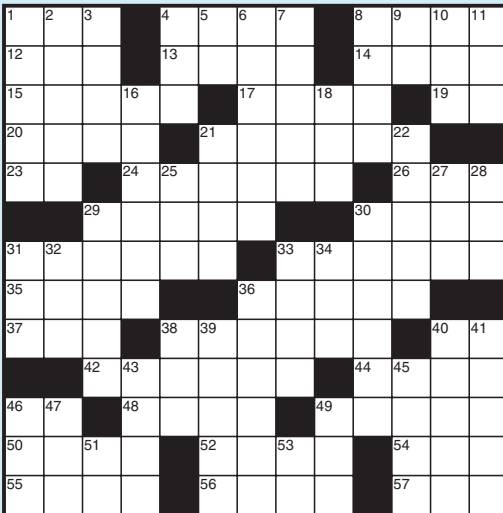
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| 8 Hot soak | 26 Blow away | 44 Muffin spread |
| 12 Fan noise | 29 Roughly | 46 Battery sz. |
| 13 Thinnest coin | 30 Billiard sticks | 48 No, to Fraulein |
| 14 Bedouin | 31 Slackers | 49 Elite |
| 15 Helen of Troy's story | 33 Men and women | 50 Lounge about |
| 17 Poets' eyes | 35 Jungle warning | 52 Whitetail |
| 19 Beat it | 36 Try extra hard | 54 Cobra cousin |
| 20 Madras garment | 37 "How — doing?" | 55 Join in the game |
| 21 Opinion | 38 Pack rats | 56 Vortex |
| | 40 Attention-getting | 57 Ultimate degree |

previous answer

TOW	ORAL	SLAT
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ARIES | March 21-April 20

A selfish person will cause serious frustration. You'll understand that something can't be justified. Challenging a rule leads to indulgence.


TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Turn back from a bad choice before it's too late. A loved one will visit to perk you up. A woman wants to rearrange something.


GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Try to be gentler when anxieties are outstanding. Unexpected events keep you hopping. Fresh thinking cancels out previous training.


CANCER | June 22-July 22

There is a powerful person working behind the scenes. Try not to isolate yourself. You'll benefit from a friendship with a tough superior.


LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

An uncomplicated gadget will work best. Happy news will come your way. You know what you want to do with your life.


VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Don't play power games with a stronger opponent. Someone is angry about a broken promise. It's time to shift your attitude.


LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A happy person will dream of your future. A nighttime adventure will lead to romance. Patience can bring you fulfilment.


SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A long-standing commitment will prevent an adventure. Stand firm when a decision is required. A lurking idealist can alter your status.


SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Share information to increase your options. You'll see the antics of a drama queen. You'll make the best of a situation.


CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Make contact with like-minded people. Give the lie to something that has been said. Practise willpower all through the day.


AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A call will have a miraculous effect. A new-comer is falling in love with your spirit. A thrilling experience makes for an exciting story.


PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Stop goading someone in the name of love. A tough situation will come from a traveller. People are going berserk for no reason. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

8	7	6	2	3	5	1	9	4
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Toronto weather

Afternoon



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Tonight



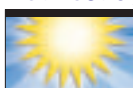
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Tuesday



Partly
cloudy.
16° / 6°

Wednesday



Sunny.
17° / 9°

Thursday



Sunny.
20° / 10°



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Low: 7.8°

Records

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Low: -0.6°/1969

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Sunset: 8:48 p.m.
Moonrise: 1:15 a.m.
Moonset: 11:19 a.m.

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May 26, 1805: Napoléon Bonaparte assumes the title of King of Italy and is crowned in Milan.

May 26, 1889: Opening of the first Eiffel Tower elevator to the public.

May 26, 2004: The New

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celebritybuzz

Davis gets 'lame' deal

Kristin Davis was unhappy on the set of the *Sex And The City: The Movie* after finding out she wasn't allowed to keep her designer costumes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress expected to collect her expensive collection of garments after the film wrapped but was disappointed when she was told the opulent items had to be returned to their fashion houses.

But Davis, who plays conservative Charlotte York in the eagerly anticipated movie, did get some fashionable treats — she was allowed to keep her character's collection of designer shoes.

She says, "I went up to get my clothes, and there were none left, because all mine were samples (and had to go back to the designers)."

"I got a really lame deal — totally coincidentally. But I got my shoes, thank God!"

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Lopez is on mommy duty



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Jennifer Lopez is refusing to find a new nanny to look after her baby twins, because she wants to be a full-time mom, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The nanny Lopez and husband Marc Anthony hired to look after three-month-old twins Max and Emme left the job last month, and, instead of replacing her, Lopez is caring for the pair herself.

A friend tells *Us Weekly*, "She's beyond hands-on."

And both Lopez and Anthony plan to put family first and their careers second for at least the next 12 months: "They both told their managers that the next year would be all about family."

Meanwhile, Anthony will take his wife and twins with him when he tours Spain next month.

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Lohan turns down fur offer

Lindsay Lohan has turned down a nightclub owner's offer to bail her out of her latest legal troubles because she insists she is innocent, imdb.com reports. Model Masha Markova has filed papers at Manhattan's State Supreme Court claiming Lohan stole her \$11,000 mink coat as she left a New York nightclub after a birthday party in January. The coat was later returned, but only after Lohan had been photographed wearing an identical fur on the same night.



Nightclub boss John Englebert stepped in and offered to settle the case for Lohan, and buy her her own mink coat. But the actress insists she doesn't need his help.

Her representative says, "She already has one (fur coat)." Adding to the coat mystery, the rep adds, "If she took it, she took it by mistake. There are worse mistakes to make."

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Shia can't kick dad out

Shia LaBeouf is having a hard time asking his dad to leave the garage of his Los Angeles home, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Vietnam veteran Jeffrey LaBeouf spends his summers living in a teepee in Montana and his winters staying with his movie star son. This year, however, the actor's father has yet to move on.

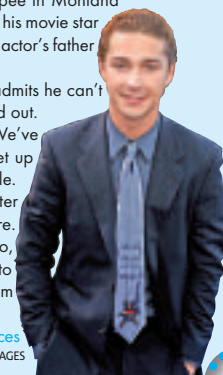
The *Transformers* star admits he can't bring himself to kick his dad out.

LaBeouf, 21, says, "We've got this little air mattress set up for him. It's very comfortable."

"But now it's not winter anymore and he's still there. But I can't go there and go, 'Hey dad. Listen it's time to go back.' I can't make him leave."

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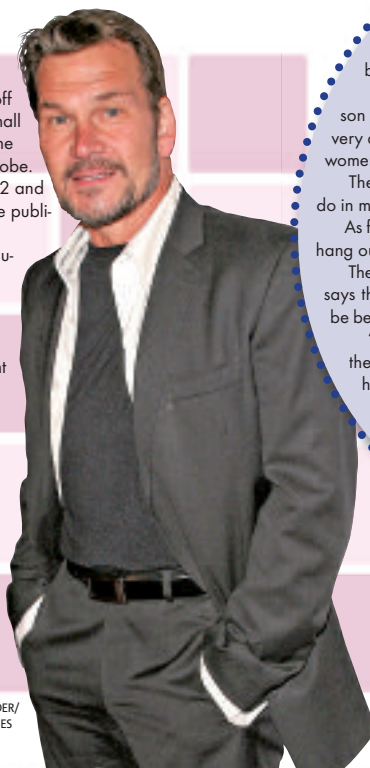
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Swayze, wife renew vows

Cancer-stricken actor Patrick Swayze and his wife Lisa Niemi have renewed their wedding vows, says imdb.com. The couple jetted off to their New Mexico ranch to exchange vows again, before a small group of close friends. The actor was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the beginning of 2008, and is fighting for his life, according to America's the Globe. Swayze and Niemi will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on June 12 and the actor is determined to live up to that date and beyond. An insider tells the publication, "He is refusing to give up, but right now he's living for today."

The source says the renewed wedding vows were very special for the couple: "It was very important to him (Swayze) to express his love and commitment to Lisa. They both mean the world to one another."

The Globe recently revealed Swayze has drawn up his will to include plans for his own funeral, and he has settled all his affairs — just in case he loses his cancer battle. The Dirty Dancing star continues to undergo treatment in Stanford, Calif., but close friends say the future doesn't look too bright for the movie star. One friend tells the Globe, "It's deadly serious. Doctors have told him that if or when the cancer spreads to his brain he has two weeks to live." **Metro News Services**

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Brody not a womanizer

Brody Jenner may be known for the ladies he dates, but whatever you do, don't call The Hills star a womanizer. "Just because I date just like everyone else does, for some reason they say I'm a serial dater," he told People.com. "I think that's very disrespectful to say because I was raised by my mother and I treat women with respect."

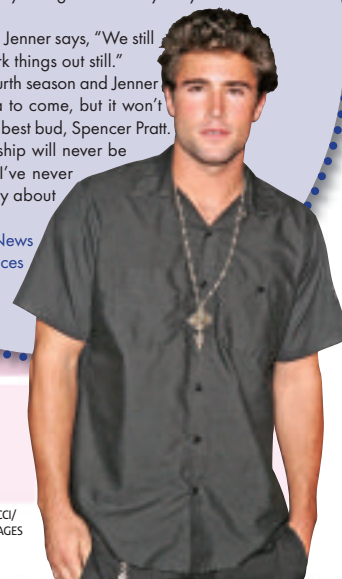
The bachelor says he's only doing "what every 24-year-old kid would do in my position."

As for his ex Cora Skinner, Jenner says, "We still hang out. We're trying to work things out still."

The Hills is filming their fourth season and Jenner says there's plenty of drama to come, but it won't be between him and former best bud, Spencer Pratt.

"Obviously our friendship will never be the same as it was, but I've never had anything bad to say about him," Jenner said.

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Kate, Lance cosy at Cannes

Kate Hudson and Lance Armstrong only had eyes for each other at Dolce & Gabbana's annual party in Cannes, People.com reports.

The pair kissed and danced to old Madonna songs and other '80s favourites. "They were beaming at each other," a source says. "So cute."

In a packed VIP room, Hudson and Armstrong chatted briefly with Cannes juror Natalie Portman, who was holding hands with her folk-rocking beau Devendra Banhart.

Other guests at the packed party, held at Baoli restaurant and club, included Lindsay

Lohan (who made a brief appearance), Rose McGowan (who partied until 5:30 am, broken foot and all), Kerry Washington, Naomi Campbell, Dita von Teese and Diddy.

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Neighbours happy over Olsen twins selling penthouse

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have reportedly abandoned their massive multi-million dollar New York penthouse after neighbours became sick of their hard-partying ways, imdb.com reports. The 22-year-old media mogul sisters snapped up the Manhattan pad in 2004 after moving from their native Los Angeles to the east coast to attend New York University. But they have now sold it for US \$10.45 million — after dropping the price by almost \$1 million to ensure a quick sale. And, despite their bi-coastal lifestyle, their neighbours are happy to see the twins and their hard-partying ways hit the road.

A former neighbour of the starlets tells the New York Post, "The bodyguards in their SUVs are always getting in the way of our alternate-side parking routine. You'd think the president was living here. They certainly keep late hours. I was jogging early one morning and they were piling out of their gas guzzlers in their little club outfits."

The sisters are now set to rent another apartment in the city's star-studded West Village area at a \$12,000 a month price tag. Their new home — a 10-room triplex brownstone — includes five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a terrace. **Metro News Services**

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